

108TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# S. RES. 383

Commending the National Hockey League Tampa Bay Lightning for winning the 2004 Stanley Cup Championship.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 18, 2004

Mr. NELSON of Florida (for himself and Mr. GRAHAM of Florida) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

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## RESOLUTION

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Whereas on Monday, June 7, 2004, the National Hockey League Tampa Bay Lightning team won the Stanley Cup, becoming the second team in 30 years to overcome a 3–2 deficit in the National Hockey League finals to win Lord Stanley’s Cup;

Whereas the Tampa Bay Lightning entered the Eastern Conference of the National Hockey League in 1992;

Whereas the Tampa Bay Lightning is the 86th National Hockey League team to win the Stanley Cup;

Whereas coach John Tortorella has become the third American-born coach to win the Stanley Cup;

Whereas left wing Dave Andreychuk has played for and won his first career Stanley Cup during a 22-year career after playing a record 1,758 games and 162 playoff games;

Whereas center Brad Richards was awarded the Conn Smythe 2004 National Hockey League Playoff MVP Trophy for finishing the playoffs with 12 goals, including a National Hockey League record of 7 game-winners, and 14 assists in 23 games;

Whereas Brad Richards led the league in playoff scoring with 26 points and scored 2 power-play goals in Game 6 of the finals, making Game 7 necessary;

Whereas left wing Fredrik Modin served to assist in 1 of Brad Richards's 2 goals in Game 6;

Whereas left wing Ruslan Fedotenko suffered a head injury in Game 3, missed Game 4, returned for Game 5, and scored 2 goals in Game 7, including the game-winning goal;

Whereas right wing Martin St. Louis, winner of the Art Ross Trophy, awarded to the player who leads the National Hockey League in scoring points at the end of the regular season, has made significant contributions to the team;

Whereas goalie Nikolai Khabibulin, a 2-time National Hockey League All-Star, has earned the nickname "The Bulin Wall" because of his blockage of countless shots; and

Whereas the Tampa Bay Lightning, in its 12-year history, has overcome great odds, including 3 ownership groups, 5 coaches, 4 general managers, and being last in the league just 3 years ago: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the Senate—

1           (1) commends the Tampa Bay Lightning Na-  
2           tional Hockey League team for winning the 2004  
3           Stanley Cup;

4           (2) recognizes the achievements of all the play-  
5           ers, coaches, and support staff who were instru-  
6           mental in assisting the team to win the Stanley Cup  
7           and invites them to the United States Capitol Build-  
8           ing to be honored; and

9           (3) directs the Secretary of the Senate to trans-  
10          mit 1 enrolled copy of this resolution to the owner,  
11          and 1 enrolled copy of this resolution to the coach,  
12          of the 2004 National Hockey League champions, the  
13          Tampa Bay Lightning.

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